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Dear Gov. Schwarzenegger,



Los Angeles Community College District applauds your June 2005 announcement of ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the State of California, included in Executive Order S-3-05. We believe that taking action to implement these reduction targets is a necessary next step for the State of California. Perhaps of equal importance, doing so could add thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars of income to the State, and could set an example for the rest of the country and the world.

By way of example, LACCD has taken leadership to invest in green buildings, clean, efficient and renewable energy, and energy efficiency educational programs for our students. The LACCD Board of Trustees adopted two policies in 2001 effectively creating the largest sustainable development program in the world at the time. The first policy directed that the planned 44 new buildings to be built under the District's local bond initiative be built to LEED (Leadership for Energy and Environment Design) standards. The second policy directed that each of the nine campuses of the District have at least 10% of their energy generated from clean and renewable energy sources. All indications are that the Los Angeles community strongly supported these policies by passing a second bond issue of nearly \$1 billion for the District's building program.

Consistent with the State's goals and with the LAACD Board and community leadership, the District has since established a three-fold Energy Strategic Plan whereby we are creating for each campus 1) a new efficient and clean central utility plant, 2) a minimum energy demand profile based on extensive retrofits to achieve maximum efficiency and energy conservation, and 3) a 1 MW solar / photovoltaic system to, in essence, take the colleges off the power grid.

We think that the key recommendations developed by the Climate Action Team are reasonable and measured, and will ultimately move the entire State to a sustainable energy future that is critical to the economic success of California. LACCD encourages you to move forward to have the concepts crafted by the Climate Action team become law.



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LACCD strongly supports efforts to build California's leadership in the race to halt global warming and avert dangerous climate change.

Sincerely,

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